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1990
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THE '90s CHALLENGE:

Molding the

Young Black Male

for the 21st Century

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BRIEFS

**Union County names
Harold Gibson
deputy manager**

Union County Manager Ann Baran today named Harold Gibson of Plainfield to the position of Deputy County Manager at a press conference held at the County's Administration Building.

"The naming of Mr. Gibson to this position is one of the steps I am taking to begin in order to meet the objective of retaining and appointing competent, qualified people to key managerial positions in order to achieve permanency and bring professionalism to County government," said Ms. Baran.

"I'm confident that Mr. Gibson has not only the education, but also the experience and ability to assist me in carrying out the policies as set forth by the Union County Freeholder Board."

Gibson, who most recently held the post of City Administrator for the City of Plainfield, received his undergraduate degree from Rutgers and is a graduate of the Newark Public University School of Law. He began his tenure with Plainfield as the City's Director of Public Affairs and safety and moved up to City Administrator in the summer of 1988.

**Freeport, Bahamas
designated as
Newark's sister city**

Mayor Sharpe James today issued a proclamation declaring Wednesday, June 20, Caribbean Cultural Day in Newark. He presented the framed document to Colin Tatem, director of the Caribbean Tourism Organization, during ceremonies marking the Annual Cultural Festival at the Holiday Inn Jetport.

At the event he announced that he has designated Freeport, Bahamas as a "Sister City" to Newark. The City Council approved a resolution making the move official at last night's council meeting.

"A meaningful relationship between Freeport and Newark is beneficial," said Mayor Sharpe James. "Many Newarkers visit Freeport annually and a number of Bahamians and Caribbeans live in the City of Newark. All societies, Bahamian, Caribbean and American can be enriched by the exchange of cultures."

**NHA names two new
directors**

warehouse, inventory control, motor pool and word processing. She replaces Donald Baker in the position and will earn \$59,580.

The 27-year-old attorney is licensed to practice law in New Jersey and throughout the District of Columbia and is the NHA's youngest and second female director. Denise Coleman, director of housing management, is the first female director. Both Ms. Sias-Hill and Ms. Coleman were appointed by the current NHA Executive Director, Dr. Daniel W. Blue, Jr.

"I believe in rewarding competent individuals who can advance the goals of the NHA," Dr. Blue said. "Ms. Sias-Hill has consistently proven that she is a professional who understands public administration. She is extremely effective in getting the job done," he added.

Ms. Sias-Hill began her career at the Authority as a law clerk upon graduating from Howard

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The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) has selected Venita M. Sias-Hill, Esq., as the new director of the department of administration and Joseph S. Blanco, an architect/planner, as director of the department of redevelopment and construction.

As director of administration, Ms. Sias-Hill will oversee the operations of some of the most important divisions of the NHA including contracts, purchasing,

CITY NEWS

The New Journal of Civilization

African-American businessmen meet with Mandela

In a visit to New York City, African National Congress (ANC) leader Nelson Mandela met with top business leaders from the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area to be held at the World Trade Center on Friday, June 22.

City News interviewed some of the African American businessmen who were present. All of the businessmen interviewed were impressed by Mandela's poise and the respect his presence commanded as well as his clarity on the need for sanctions to continue. "What I was very impressed with was the stature of the man and the way in which he carried himself. I can't envision

being locked up for 27 years and coming out a statesman as he is," say Cecil Sanders, president of C. H. Sanders Construction Co. of Newark.

Bill Howell, president of Howell Petroleum Co., had this to say, "Mr. Mandela is truly a man of peace. A man that has gone through as much sacrifice and as much pain and torment as he has over most of his life time living in South Africa...and then to talk about black South Africans and white South Africans together—it's truly remarkable."

Lynch, Schwartz, Smith act to halt Plainfield's 'mini-prison'

TRENTON—Senate President John A. Lynch and Assemblymen David Schwartz and Bob Smith have met to plan strategy to fight what the legislators have called "the creation of a mini-prison in Plainfield by the State Department of Corrections."

State Sen. Michael H. Mitchell and Union County Freeholder Chairman Gerald Green participated in the strategy session.

Late last month, the Volunteers of America, a contractor for the Department of Corrections, established an inmate facility with a capacity of up to 35 in-

mates in a rooming and boarding house at 240 East 9th Street in Plainfield. The city has filed a lawsuit seeking to block the inmate facility and several citizen groups have organized to fight it.

"We are all incensed by the legal dumping of prisoners in a quasi-Plainsboro neighborhood using a loophole in the Rooming and Boarding House statutes," Lynch said. "The Department of Corrections is hiding behind that loophole in order to relieve tensions in the state's penitentiaries. In the process, the Department is creating additional and

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Circus a success in Plainfield



NAACP president selected for international leadership summit

Keith Jones, the president of the State Conference NAACP and the Newark Branch NAACP, has been selected to participate in the 1990 Emerging Leaders Summit by the American Center for International Leadership (ACIL).

Mr. Jones was one of only twelve participants nationwide selected from a cross-section of American society to join the ACIL program which features a two week

work session in the Soviet Union hosted by the Committee of Young Organizations of the USSR.

The ACIL was created in 1984 to respond to a need to promote an international context for emerging leaders in the United States and enable them to meet their counterparts around the world. A principal aim of the

ACIL is to develop and nurture international understanding and communication among those individuals who will assume positions of significant responsibility in local, national and global affairs. It invites leaders from a variety of fields to join an active program of international exchange, dialogue and network development.

"I am honored and excited to take part in this effort and I view my selection for this leadership summit as a tribute to the growth the NAACP has afforded me in my role as State Conference and Newark Branch President," said Mr. Jones.

"This program provides a very serious and rigorous opportunity for leadership experience. And I view it as especially im-

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That's how Connie see it**
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Nelson Mandela meets with area businessmen.



Nelson Mandela speaks with Plainfield businessman, Malcolm Dunn.

Plainfield High's James Bailey discusses NBA draft

If you want an in-depth analysis of something like Wednesday's 1990 NBA draft, talk to a high school coach like James Bailey of East Orange.

As long as I've known coach Bailey, he has been one of the most personable, enjoyable interview around, especially when it comes to one of his favorite subjects, basketball. Together speaking about his highly successful program at Plainfield High, the problem with college athletics or on any subject, Bailey will give you thoughtful, humorous and enjoyable responses.

On the eve of the NBA draft I brought up the subject in a phone interview with Bailey. The conversation went something like this.

Coach, how do you view this year's NBA draft?

"Well, from what they are reporting, I through 25 are good, solid players. There are really no spectacular players in the bunch.



by Fern Taylor
City News Writer

All the way down to the kid from St. John's (Jayson Williams). He was a good player, a solid player who can come in and help somebody. That's basically how this draft is. It's a good, deep one."

What would you do if you were the Knicks coach?

"I'd look for a shooting guard. The Knicks need somebody like that kid (Gary Payton (from Oregon State), or Chris Jackson or Dennis Scott. But those guys will be gone when they pick. So they'll probably go with a big man."

Let me rephrase that coach. If you were Knicks management, who would you select?

"That's hard to say."

What about Jayson Williams?

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Rinaldo wants action in S & L investigation

WASHINGTON, DC—Disatisfied with the lack of progress in pursuing white-collar crime that was involved in the failure of savings and loan institutions throughout the country.

Rinaldo said he is sponsoring legislation to require the Department of Justice to accelerate its investigation and prosecution of savings and loan executives who made illegal profits at the expense of their federally insured depositors. "We want the money back and the crooks in

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CITY PEOPLE



Shakira Williams of Plainfield (right), a sophomore at William Peterson College in Wayne, received the Academic Excellence Certificate and the Academic Achievement Award at the annual awards dinner of the Black Students Association (BSA) and SABLE (Sisters for Awareness, Black Leadership and Equality) on campus. Presenting the Academic Achievement Award is fellow student Edith Moore, a Newark resident and vice president of SABLE. Moore, a junior majoring in political science, was honored as founder of SABLE and received the Community Service Certificate.



NATIONAL AAA POSTER WINNER—Kevin Laughton, a fifth grader at Holy Family School in Plainfield, has been awarded a merit citation in the elementary division (grades 4-6) of the 46th annual National AAA School Traffic Safety Poster program. More than 600,000 posters were submitted from students in the United States and Canada. Only seven percent earned national recognition. Kevin, who illustrated the theme, "Use Your Head, Wear a Helmet" is pictured with his art teacher Loraine Miller.



The Hon. Robert L. Brown, Mayor of Orange, congratulates Commencement Honorees at The Community School of Family Service and Child Guidance Center in Orange. (From Left): Mayor Brown and students Michelle Ippolito, Hasheek Feaster, Kajuan Terry, Sean Cassidy and Michael Allen. Looking on are Ryland Powell, Assistant Executive Director of Family Service and Diane Holmes, Teacher.



Mayor Sharpe James is flanked by May winners of the incentive Program which commends the outstanding efforts of Newark residents. (Left to right) Madlyn Bell, aunt and legal guardian of Tamarah Christian, one of May's "Youths of the Month"; Tara Rich, junior at Malcolm X Shabazz High School, "Youth of the Month"; Tamara Christian, sophomore Art's High School; William G. Wright, professor, New York City College, "Teacher of the Month"; Mayor James; Gloria Parsons, volunteer at the Lighthouse Community Service Center, "Citizen of the Month"; Steven Parrott, son of Bishop James Parrott and Bishop J.W. Parrott, founder of the Lighthouse Community Service Center, "Citizen of the Month."

Community Calendar

June 25-August 29

EDISON—A variety of specially-designed educational, recreational and social skills group programs for children and teens ages 5-18 with developmental delays and special needs are being offered this summer through the Johnson Rehabilitation Institute of JFK Medical Center. To arrange an appointment or for more information call 201-548-7650.

July 27-July 1

NEWARK—DIAL, Inc. (Disabled, Information, Awareness and Living), is seeking volunteers for the Rose City Festival sponsored by the Newark Community service organization. Volunteers are needed all five days to man game of chance wheels, and a dime toss game. For information call Armstrong Jordan, Executive Director at 201-824-4009.

June 27

NEWARK—A Musical Extravaganza will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Military Park across from PSE&G highlighting the Newark Senior citizens Choral Group. Free and open to the public.

PLAINFIELD—A Flea Market sponsored by the Kings Daughter's Day School will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school. Limited tables are still available. Space and table \$15; space and your table \$10. Call 765-7788.

JULY 2 **WESTFIELD**—A support group for people caring for elderly or chronically ill relatives meets on the first Monday of each month at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Church on Lambers Mill Road. Call 233-8757.

TOMES RIVER—The Ocean County College Community Education Department will offer "Getting Ready for School" (Ages 3-5) Monday through Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. Sounds, colors, literature and music will be some of the methods used to help young students prepare for school. For information call 201-253-5040.

TOMES RIVER—The Ocean County College Community Education Department will offer "Kids in the Kitchen" (Ages 8-15)

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"Jayson might be a pick. But you have to figure that whenever they pick is going to be a backup, either backup up (Patrick) Ewing or (Charles) Oakley. But what they really need is a good two guard."

So you don't like Wilkins at the two, hub coach?

"General is just too erratic. He can be really good against his brother Dominique and Atlanta, then will come back the next night against Milwaukee and be non-existent. You need to expect more consistent scoring from your off guard — especially from a veteran who's been in the league as long as Gerald has."

Let's turn to the Nets, coach. I guess it's a foregone conclusion that the Nets will pick Derrick Coleman.

"Why is it a foregone conclusion?"

As I recall, you're still fulfilling feet of children in the background. I make up in my mind to pin this guy down on the Nets pick. Couldn't pin him down on a Knicks pick, maybe I'll get him to commit on the Nets pick.

"Why is it a foregone conclusion," he said, picking right up where he left off. "They just deal (Dennis) Hopson, you know (Hopson was dealt to the Chicago Bulls for 3 future draft picks, including the #22 first round pick this year). I know they got (Reggie) Theus, but who's to say Theus is going to be remain on the roster?"

Never thought of that coach.

"Yeah, Theus is good trade bait for someone like the Knicks, who need a scorer. They might need two balls for Patrick and Reggie though. But Theus is a veteran, and he has shown that he can pass the ball."

If they need somebody to shoot it, you know they don't have to ask Reggie twice to jack it up, coach.

African-American businessmen meet with Mandela

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tions with continued progress by Prime Minister de Klerk's regime, Mandela emphasized the key role that sanctions have played in forcing the white minority government to enter and continue discussions with ANC leaders. Mandela's remarks addressed the issue, often debated, as to the usefulness of sanctions in forcing change in South Africa. Saying, "Keep the pressure on."

Mandela spoke optimistically of the future of South African post-apartheid business relationships saying that American businesses and investment would be encouraged and welcomed. Gus Heningburg, president of Gustav Heningburg Associates in Newark believes "there will be extraordinary business opportunity in South Africa for everybody." He added, "I do suspect that African Americans would be very welcome given the very important provision that they take some money to South Africa that Some Americans."

Malcolm Dunn, president of Dunn and Sons Maintenance Company in Plainfield, and president of the Minority Business Brain Trust of New Jersey said, "In my opinion, 'African Americans with skills and proficiencies in the various trades, pro-

fessions, education and business would certainly be needed in the post-apartheid climate."

Although Mandala did not make the proposal, Dunn expressed his hope that the post-apartheid South African government will adopt a 50% South African ownership requirement for any new investment in South Africa and return money in the hands of the people."

Although Mandala pointed out that he spoke as a representative of the ANC, he commented several times on matters which were not yet within ANC official policy, but on which he himself had ideas. When asked by Henderson Enterprises' president, Henry Henderson, about post-apartheid treatment of businesses that had made financial sacrifices in supporting the ANC cause through divestment, Mandala said that while he could not comment on the official policy of the ANC because it had not yet been determined, he personally felt that friends of the movement would not be forgotten.

Peter Goldmark, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, asked

Mandala his reaction to the creation of an Economic Development Bank for South Africa, similar to the funds used to rebuild Europe and Japan after the war to facilitate investment into the country. Although Mandala said he could not offer the official ANC position on such a proposal, he did say that is the most welcomed suggestion he has heard on my trip yet."

He pledged his personal support for such an idea.

According to Len Colman, a vice president at Kidder Peabody, "A key thing is this 'Marshall Plan' directed at post-apartheid South Africa as a way of rebuilding their economy." Other businessmen also believed in the need for such a plan after control is granted to the black majority.

While Congressional leaders along with the President have called for a Marshall Plan style offering by Mandala and the ANC, president and CEO of the Harlem International Trade Center Corporation, Gene Norman, pointed out, "When people take the position of condemning Mandela and the ANC for the use of violence, they are looking with a double stan-

dard." Mandala too has likened the struggle of South African blacks to that of the revolutionaries of the 13 colonies early in the history of the United States.

Norman continued, "Violence is not something that anyone looks forward to...bloodshed is a terrible thing. On the other hand, people who have been oppressed for so long as the South Africans have been oppressed find that there is no other choice, and if they are willing to go to that extreme length I think it demonstrates how serious the problems are."

White problems in South Africa were highlighted. Mandala's trip represented hope for the future of South Africa. Many of the business leaders had commented that Mandala's message to them was "the blood in our veins makes us closer than the oceans that separate us and that it is time to come together." Newark Mayor Sharpe James in taking a bus load of children to witness Mandela first hand, said, "His struggle and that of his people is a universal struggle."

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Radin, Tischman, Epstein & Gross, emphasized that "when the time comes that South Africa is ruled on a one man, one vote basis, we must be ready to avail ourselves. Henningburg warns that "African American businesses are going to have to do a lot of research to find out what South African needs are, the goods and services they provide...opportunity will not be automatic simply because they are African and we are African American."

Several commented on the necessity of African American and minority businesses to be prepared when the opening of South African markets occurs. Cecil Banks, a partner with the law firm of Sills, Cummins, Zuckerman,

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Dr. Henry C. Johnson, Publisher of City News and the Minority Business Journal of New

Jersey, expressed the need for African American businesses to be prepared to embrace the peoples of South Africa to teach them the skills that have accrued to many in the United States. "More importantly, our clients must continue to develop their abilities so that they can participate in the American marketplace as well as the global arena." He also advocated the need for African Americans in general to take advantage of the resources and opportunities that are available here so that when the time comes, African American youths can take greater responsibility for rebuilding their

communities and become prepared to play a leading role in the rebuilding of a "new" South Africa.

Howell conveyed the sentiments of almost all in attendance at the breakfast meeting in saying, "Friday was perhaps one of the greatest days of my life just because we had the opportunity to stand next to this man." Colvin also expressed the optimism shared by his colleagues. "There is still a long way to go," he said, "but the main thing is that we look forward to one person, one voice which means black rule in South Africa."

NHA names two new directors

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University Law School in 1986. Over the past five years, Ms. Sias-Hill has quickly climbed the career ladder at NHA, from law clerk to legal assistant to associate counsel, and finally, to her most recent position as senior associate counsel/contracting officer.

"I plan to let the intricate details of each of the divisions I will be ultimately responsible for. I'll do whatever I have to do to get the job done," Ms. Sias-Hill said.

Ms. Sias-Hill believes her experience as contracting officer has helped prepare her for the challenge of being director of the administration department. As contracting officer, she coordinated the administration of all contracts for the Authority valued at over \$36 million, including management, modernization, redevelopment and urban renewal contracts.

Ms. Sias-Hill earned a reputation as being a tough but fair contracting officer who followed procedures strictly as she enforced HUD regulations regarding contracts throughout the Authority. Through her efforts, the NHA has received praise from HUD regarding current contracting procedures.

"I believe the role of public administrators is that of public

servants who, in order to be successful, must have a sensitivity to the social and economic factors which directly impact on the community in which they serve," Ms. Sias-Hill said.

Joseph S. Bianco, 42, a state licensed architect and planner, will assume the position of director of the NHA department of redevelopment and construction on July 1, 1990, with a salary of \$59,500. George Charnowicz has served as the acting director of the department over the past year.

The hiring of Mr. Bianco is a critical move for the NHA toward getting the construction of our units underway. He is an outstanding candidate for this position and I am confident that he has the qualifications necessary to lead our construction efforts," Dr. Blue said.

Bianco has worked as an architect/planner with J. D. Construction Corp. of Mahwah since 1978. As NHA construction director, he comes to the Authority at a time when the NHA is faced with the challenge of building over 1,700 new units of housing over the next six years.

Most recently, Bianco has been the lead architect and planner for a \$65 million hotel and office complex in Mahwah known as the International Crossroads Centerpiece Building I & Infra-

structure. He coordinated all aspects of the project from the demolition of a two million square foot assembly plant to the construction of the new high-rise

He has over 20 years experience as an architect and planner and has been involved in the building of major, multi-million dollar projects including public

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unfair tensions in Plainfield."

"The Department of Corrections program is an anti-neighborhood, anti-urban cellar policy that obviously would never occur in Summit or Millburn or anywhere else in the suburbs. If we have our way, it won't happen in Plainfield either," Lynch said.

Schwarz said he and Smith will co-sponsor legislation in the Assembly mandating a minimum of 120 days notice by the Department of Corrections or any of its contractors, or any other state agency, when a residence facility is planned for location in any New Jersey community.

"Plainfield received no notice whatever from the Department of Corrections, an untenable situation that must stop. If our legislation is enacted," Schwarz said, "We are confident that, with adequate notice given communities that would be impacted by this sort of activity by the Department of Corrections, the pol-

icy will simply 'dry up' as a result of public pressure."

Lynch will sponsor the bill in the Senate. All three legislators represent the state's 17th legislative district which includes Plainfield.

Smith said Lynch will schedule a meeting with Department of Corrections Commissioner William Faure "within two weeks" when the legislators will urge Faure to end the practice. "It is essential to note that this sort of prisoner dumping does not reflect legislative policy," Smith said. "Instead, it reflects the absence of any policy which allowed the Commissioner to take advantage of a loophole in the Boarding House statutes."

"Our legislation, and the meeting with Commissioner Faure, will help us toward the goal of ridding Plainfield of this terrible intrusion that has the potential to literally destroy a neighborhood," Smith said.

On The Money

Karolyn Ali was named "Entrepreneur of the Year" by AT&T at the Seventh Annual NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Black Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon held recently in Los Angeles. Ali, who owns a film production company, says that "since Hollywood has not been that receptive to minorities and females in quality positions, ongoing strides by NAACP and LDEF, help create an awareness in the community so that all of us realize, yeah we can make an impact with our talent, our films, our song and dance." All cut her teeth in the industry while working in management with those handling the likes of Johnny Nash, Bob Marley, and the Commodores. Ali parlayed her experience with SOLAR Records during which time she became involved with music videos. Leaving SOLAR in 1983, she joined forces with partner Bill Parker to form Renge Films. Music videos have proved to be a great training ground for Ali, whose first feature film is set to be the long form of a successful video she completed for top R&B group, "TONI! TONI! TONE!" (Little Richard and Sinbad have already been cast in key roles). If this "Entrepreneur of the Year" award is any indication, 1990 may well be just as good to Ali, as was 1989 which brought a CEBA award (for a Cherry Coke commercial featuring the group, Cameo), a slot during the Superbowl on a Big Mac commercial they landed from McDonald's, and revenues topping well over a million....Meanwhile, Philadelphia International Records has made it clear that the sale of their publishing arm—Mighty Three Music has not yet been finalized. However sources say Warner/Chappel Music's estimated offer of about \$20 million for the catalog—including performances by the Isley Brothers, Gladys Knight and the O'Jays ("Get The Love Of Money") is more than being taken seriously....And in related news, Ernie Singleton recently took over as president of MCA's Black Music Division. Singleton formerly served as Senior Vice President of Warner Bros. Records Black Music Division.

Dance Theater Of Harlem Gets Back Into The Beat: It was over two months ago that the Dance Theater of Harlem cancelled two major tours and laid off 54 dancers as well as the bulk of its staff, amid a financial crisis that left the company with a \$1.7 million deficit. However earlier this month, the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund came to its aid with a \$1 million grant—\$600,000 of it to help reduce the deficit and \$400,000 for salaries and company operations, so long as the company could raise additional funds by September 30. Now, just two weeks later, those conditions appear to have been met through the support of American Express, as president Edwin Cooper announced a four year contract with the company for a cash contribution of \$1 million and in-kind contribution of a minimum of \$250,000 in marketing expertise. DTH founder and director Arthur Mitchell says that the dancers and staff would return to work October 1. The company is expected to resume full-scale touring in 1991.

In Short: New York City officials formally announced the selection of the nation's top minority-owned investment banking firm—Grigsby Bradford Powell—as one of 17 co-managers in the first restructuring of the city's bond syndicate since 1988. At the same time, Mayor David Dinkins announced the appointment of GBP as lead manager on a newly-created equipment financing team in what is New York City's first-ever lease purchase financing program. Dinkins noted with pride that the city was making history with its selection of GBP as a senior manager. In 1989, GBP became the first minority-owned concern ranked within the nation's top 30 investment banking firms.

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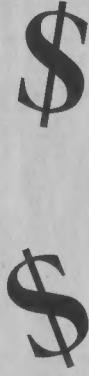
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COMMENTARY

Editorial

Nelson Mandela and other leaders...

Take us to your leader...Rev. Jesse Jackson, Farrakhan, Mandela? Who is the leader of the African-American community. It was easy to know the answer to that question in the sixties—it was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., right?

Wrong. The African-American community has always and will continue to have many leaders who advocate different points of view, that the endless search for the leader needs to be aborted.

While the African-American community itself points to many people as providers of leadership for African-American peoples, the media insists on asking "the real leader to come forth." In the community at large, President Bush, the Pope, Jane Fonda, Dan Quayle and George H.W. Bush have been recognized for their respective contributions in a particular area without being pitted against and/or compared to one another. Why is it that in the African-American community the leaders are constantly compared to each other and put on opposite sides of the fence forcing people to split loyalties?

One of the best examples of this was the supposed opposition between Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X. Many people believe that their views were not so divergent nevertheless, these two men should have been allowed to stand their own ground and speak for what they individually believed in. If freedom of speech is a First Amendment guarantee, why is it that African-Americans are not permitted to speak freely without threat of reprisal? Political leaders who are former members of the Ku Klux Klan do so all the time and their views are not touted by the media as representing all of the Anglo-Saxon American community.

Mandela's visit to the United States was an inspiration to all who were able to fully appreciate the greatness of his stature and the depth of his character. His words have touched the hearts and minds of Americans of all ethnicities in the United States. It is therefore important to see how far we, as a country, have to go when the media insists on touting Mr. Mandela as a great leader in the African-American community. Like Martin Luther King, Jr., Mr. Mandela is a world leader who is an inspiration for all of mankind and deserves that proper title.

Freedom, using the same methods

Mr. Mandela has most recently been criticized by several Congressmen for the violence employed by the African National Congress (ANC) in its pursuit for freedom for South African Blacks. Mr. Gorbachev was responsible for the repression of millions in several countries and we named him "Man of the Year". What is wrong with that picture?

What is wrong is that this country has its priorities confused. We can support those in Newark fighting for freedom and those arrested Cuban in Cuba when we thought he was fighting for freedom (which is to us meant democracy United States style) and we completely rebuff countries that fought against us in world wars—why are we having trouble bracking and directly giving money to the millions of blacks in South Africa who fight for "one person, one vote"? What could embody United States style democracy any more than this?

The "mess" of Black South Africans and the violence employed in their struggle is no different from the war of revolution fought on the very soil of these United States little more than 200 years ago. Have we forgotten the past with whence we came? Selective, we think so.

Mr. Mandela's visit on behalf of the ANC will hopefully remind all Americans of our heritage in the struggle for freedom which will draw us closer to the peoples of South Africa in their pursuit of equality. While Bush praises Prime Minister de Klerk for recent reforms by the South African government, he denounces the violence of the ANC and calls for an end to the continued violence. We believe that the Black majority of South Africa has a right to use whatever means necessary to gain their freedom and that use of military force indicates not only the severity, but the desperation of their struggle.

In calling for maintenance of the sanctions, Mandela has removed any doubt concerning the seriousness or the desire of South African Blacks to utilize this method. Now we as a country can stopicker over the effectiveness of sanctions as we should have done years ago. Matters of money are green and the white South African minority understands that quite well. It is for reasons of economics that they have decided to make changes and thus, our praise for de Klerk's actions is minimized.

We should all thank Mr. Mandela for providing us with greater insight into the needs of people whose voices have been suppressed and for proving to world leadership that gives hope for the future of expanded relationships with the "new" South Africa, post-apartheid. Mr. Mandela is a leader in the African American community, the Hispanic community, the North American community and the world. He was here to open our eyes, so let's get on the ball and wake up. His message must be heard by all.

As I See It...

Commentary by
Councilwoman
Connie Woodruff



As expected, the minute changes in the results of Newark's recent runoff election for council-at-large seats didn't affect the outcome of the June 12 election. Councilwoman-at-large Marie Villani has been officially declared the winner over Deputy Mayor Luis Quintana and will be sworn in to another term with her council colleagues Gary Harris, Ralph Grant, Jr. and Donald Tucker on July 1.

This is not to say all is sweet and smooth sailing (and women) at-large. Many things were said and done in the campaign that have left a subdued atmosphere of bitterness and acrimony.

However, since all eyes are riveted on the council's reorganization, some of that feeling may be put aside for the moment.

The big prize is the council presidency and there is no lack of candidacy for this coveted spot. The council presidency is definitely the seat of power. There is neither an elected official appreciation nor a greater than power. It's the real narcotic of officialdom and the politician's greatest ego-builder.

Councilman Donald Tucker's supporters feel he is long overdue for a shot at the presidency. Once again he finished in first place, followed by Grant, Harris and Villani.

Donald Tucker was forced to bow out of contention four years ago when East Ward councilman Hank Martinez was voted in as president. Reluctantly, Rev. Ralph Grant, Jr. had to step down from the position.

In spite of dire predictions, Martinez has been a good council president, according to Mayor Sharpe James and influential downtown business and women. Martinez kept the city together "fairly," said Mayor James, "but I believe the council president should reflect the council majority." There are six black councilmen and as things stand, whichever one gets five votes (including his own,) can emerge victorious.

There are pros and cons among all of them.

For instance, Donald Tucker has been denied the top spot several times and one can argue it's time he be given an opportunity to be the undisputed leader. Tucker is an excellent speaker, has a reputation of being a "people's person" is liaison with many groups, is known as a state government by at times flexible and rigid in his protection of "people's rights." He is also known for publicly fighting with his council colleagues. But maybe that's not a bad thing to do on occasion.

Ralph Grant is a former council president and a shrewd negotiator. He was welcomed by the business community that was often swayed by his magnificient handling of the English language. In addition to being a smooth talker, Grant's clergy affiliation immediately signs him as "trustworthy" to the public. He is willing to think that Black ministers are the leaders of black people. At any rate, Grant is a conservative and expansive dresser, drives a Mar-

cedes (when he's not in his city car), married to Dr. Gwendolyn Goldsby Grant, a combination of Dr. Ruth and Dear Abbey and has three children as memorable as their father and mother.

Another candidate could be West Ward Ronald Rice, who has never had an opportunity, or as we know, a desire, to be council president. Rice may be too busy to take such a consuming job. He was elected to the State Senate for his first term, last November and has made his council and Senate seats his full time job. He never shies his responsibilities to his constituents and it is doubtful he wants to stretch himself too thin physically.

Councilman-at-large Gary Harris was just elected to his first four year term so the presidency may be premature for him. Gary may some day desire to follow in the footsteps of his father, Earl, as council president but we suspect he will be busy organizing his own forces along with cultivating the remnants of his father's constituency. Gary is an affable young man (when he wants to be) and has a sense of humor. He has wide appeal to voters between 18 and 35 who one day may catapult him into a higher office.

Gary Branch, Central Ward councilman, is one of the body's veteran leaders but has never indicated a yen to be a power broker among or for his colleagues. Branch's popularity is higher among senior citizens than any other group in the city although his wife, Joyce, is a mover and shaker in the National Council of Negro Women (Newark chapter) and the League of Women Voters who rally to Branch out of deference to his spouse. Somehow George always seems to cast his

vote for the winning candidate, regardless of colors.

That brings us to Donald Bradley who is also filling the big shoes of Congressman Donald Payne as South Ward councilman. Bradley has literally thrown himself into his new role. He works in the Newark school system and is therefore interested in improving Newark's educational climate. His friends say he was born to be a politician and indeed he walks through his ward day and night and responds to resident concerns with eagerness and zeal. One of his mentors is Mayor James.

Tucker and Grant have made no secret of their desire to win the presidency. But gamblers are putting their money on Bradley who says he's so busy thanking voters for their support he hasn't had time to think about much else in the full between the runoff and July 1.

While groups like the Newark Black Churchmen are demanding the council elect a black president, there is a possibility Martinez could be re-elected if the six blacks fail to settle on one of themselves.

As usual, nothing about Newark politics is passive. It never has been. Think of how dull it would be with no politician bickering, dissolving council meetings and the endless feuds between the council and whatever mayor happens to be in office.

But hopefully the council's July 1 meeting at Symphony Hall won't be the dudronky some are predicting. Newark continues to have problems that must be addressed in an atmosphere of congeniality and harmony and they can only be solved with all the drummers marching to the same tune.

I am sure when members of the Jewish Underground Resistance Movement attempted to get the President of the United States at that time, Franklin D. Roosevelt, to speak out and take action against the known atrocities (which intelligent reports had revealed) that were taking place in Germany as early as 1937, it would have possibly saved some lives. In fact, the entire concept of the holocaust on the back of what was going on, until it reached their own national interest. The United States reserved its right to conduct the country's foreign policy based on what was in its best interest. It did not allow Britain's, France's, Norway's, Russia's, Canada's or any other country's, who declared war on Germany, decisions affect the economic and political interests of the United States. Some of the hawks need to shake the cowbells from their brains, and stop their attempts to present their phony views on morality and who they feels are worthy of support and praise.

The reason why Nelson Mandela has been able to thoroughly expose and embarrass the likes of newsmen like Ted Koppel is because he is armed with the best weapon of all—the truth!

In what was clearly a staged event like the so-called "town meeting" which was orchestrated by Ted Koppel and the "Nightline" staff, attempts were made to not focus on the urgent concerns and pressing problems which are faced by 30 million Black South Africans. Instead, Ted Koppel decided he would try to arouse "controversy" by focusing on the views and opinions of the ANC as far as it relates to their position on the PLO, their leader Yassir Arafat, Fidel Castro, and Libya's President Muammar El-Gadaf.

It's been very interesting to listen to the comments of individuals who never supported one party or the African National Congress, or voiced any outrage or protest over the murder of unarmed and defenseless women and children, now suddenly find their "conscience" and dare to think that they could dictate and lecture to a man like Nelson Mandela, who has spent the last 27 years of his life in South African prisons, simply because he wants freedom for his people.

It is indicative of the arrogance and bias which permeates the newsmen, editorial boards, assemblies, and houses, etc., all across this nation.

Nelson Mandela, correctly reaffirmed the principle stand of the African National Congress on these issues. And, as brother Nelson Mandela pointed out to the various individuals who kept raising these questions, that it is often a mistake made by political analysts to believe that "your enemies are our enemies." Every nation, liberation movement, etc., has a right to define their own policies, goals and agendas. It would seem that some of these individuals want to conveniently forget history—luckily the history books are there to verify and reminds us.

I'm also very tired of people who would dare the think that they can always define for the African American community what are the important issues for us. We can and will, do that after we've met with those who has helped and assisted in our causes and those of our brothers and sisters struggling for freedom in South Africa and any place in the world where people are being denied their rights and dignity.

Nelson Mandela, speaking on behalf of the African National Congress, has given us the charge—that's what we need to focus on. When he goes back to South Africa, he will still be unable to vote, five where he wants to, own land or property, etc. He will still have to attend the funerals of countless men, women and children who are the victims of violence by the South African government, and he still must suffer for the pain of knowing that there are thousands of political prisoners who languish in the South African jails simply because they dare to believe in the principles and ideals of freedom and democracy cherished by all men. This is the reality of South Africa. This is one of us should ever forget!

Rinaldo wants action in S & L investigation

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jail." Rinaldo said he is sponsoring the bill.

The legislation that Rinaldo wants to enact would require Attorney General Richard Thornburgh to prosecute at least half of the indictable cases by the end of the year and the rest by 1991. Congress also would receive quarterly reports on the number of pending cases and the status of S&L fraud investigations.

Earlier this month, Rinaldo sponsored legislation that would prevent convicted S&L officers from skipping out on federal bankruptcy laws. The legislation would amend the federal bankruptcy law to make it more difficult for criminals to avoid paying restitution to their victims by declaring bankruptcy.

In his letter to the President, Rinaldo said the public had grown frustrated with the lack of progress in federal efforts to recover funds that had been illegally drained from the state government's thrills and to hold savings and loan profiteers accountable for their conduct.

Despite Congressional approval for an additional \$50 million to hire more FBI investigators and U.S. attorneys to prosecute cases, the additional resources have failed to reduce the 21,000 referrals and allegations of criminal misconduct in the S&L scandal that still are awaiting action by the Justice Department.

"Each day that goes by makes it harder to uncover the trail of bad loans, fraud and deceit that has caused staggering losses. Successful prosecutions and the recovery of funds become that much more difficult," Rinaldo said in urging a speedup of the S&L investigations.

He added, "The American people are doing a slow burn. While similar criminals have misappropriated billions of dollars, and have been allowed to get away with it. The question is why."

"Bringing the crooks to trial and recovering as much of the stolen money as possible is essential to restoring public trust in our financial institutions," he said.

Now is the time for action

By
Sharon
Khadijah
Vincent

The greatest tribute to Nelson and Winnie Mandela that we could pay to them, as well as our brothers and sisters struggling for freedom in South Africa, would be to commit ourselves to the ongoing struggle that has been going on in this country and around the world. While we all are astute about the overwhelming display of love, respect and admiration which has been heaped upon Nelson and Winnie Mandela during their United States tour, we must remember that they are counting on us to continue the fight here in this country to "keep the pressure on" our government to make sure that economic sanctions stay in place and that the struggle under the leadership of the African National Congress (ANC) receives the financial support it needs.

The reason why Nelson Mandela has been able to thoroughly expose and embarrass the likes of newsmen like Ted Koppel is because he is armed with the best weapon of all—the truth.

Now is the time for concrete action. Men rhetoric will not stop the racist attacks and killings of thousands of our brothers and sisters by the South African police force. The freedom fighters must be able to arm and defend themselves when necessary against the brutality and barbarity of the racist white minority regime, whose army is modeled after the Nazis and the Nazis' Adolf Hitler's fascist policies.

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We must especially remain vigilant and alert with the attempts by the white controlled

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NHA directors

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housing, hospitals, retail stores,
restaurants, residential buildings,
warehouses, power plants and
condominiums.

The new construction director is also a longtime community activist. He served as the mayor of the Borough of Closter from 1983 to 1986. In addition, prior to 1983 he was a councilman and a member of the borough's various boards.

"Management style is much like mine. I utilized as a politician. I believe in a team approach. All of us are much smarter collectively than we are alone, therefore I will be depending on my management team to work together to get our mission accomplished," Mr. Bianco said.

"Construction and planning is a very complicated occupation. There are so many factors that impact upon building that must be coordinated. However, through cooperation, I believe we will succeed in building in Newark," he said.

"Housing is the lifeblood of a city. It is the most important component whether people are rich or poor. If there isn't enough housing for the people, then all the office buildings and shopping malls in the world will not bring a city back to life. I look forward to meeting the challenge of providing housing for the residents of Newark," Mr. Bianco said.

PAYDTA sponsors 12th annual Chandler Tennis Classic

The 12th Annual John T. Chandler Memorial Tennis Classic was held in Plainfield on the weekend of June 16 & 17 and 23 & 24. Sponsored by the 12th Annual PAYDTA the classic had the following winners:

Men's Singles Todd Shipman
Women's Singles Ruth Pennett
35 Men's Singles Ed Poole
45 Women's Singles Gert Kornegay
55 Men's Singles Dick Lampert
Joe Harvest
Men's Doubles Todd Shipman & Yusel Kanoro
Women's Doubles Denise Hooten & Denise Wynn

35 Men's Doubles Al Sturdivant & Ed Poole
35 Wom. Doub. Renette Ingram & Doris Lewis
45 Men's Doubles Dr. Stan Dawkins & Larry Hickok
Mixed Doubles Bill Prisco & Nancy Harten
35 Men's Doubles Dave Somari & Gerri Komegay

Boys 12 Singles Joey Muscatello
Boys 14 Singles Anthony Sridazome
Boys 16 Singles Jeff Bacote
Boys 18 Singles Louis DeJesus
Girls 18 Singles Cayce Cummings
Girls 14 Singles Caryn Siperstein
Girls 12 Singles Robyn Siperstein



Cayce Cummings girls 18 singles
winner

C.J. Johnson finalist, Tim Alexander, PAYDTA member and Joey Muscatello, boys 12 singles winner.

Mini-Festivals on tap at Newark Recreation Centers

The City of Newark, Division of Recreation/Cultural Affairs (DORCA) will present mini-festivals at five of the city's recreation centers on Tuesday, July 3, 1990 from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. to kick-off the summer recreation and camp program.

The mini-festivals will take place at Boylan, Hayes Park East, Hayes Park West, John F. Kennedy and St. Peter's recreation centers and will feature a host of exciting activities for the entire family.

"Providing fun-filled recreational activities for Newark's residents at no cost is a very important function of the Division of Recreation/Cultural Affairs," said Mayor Sharpe James.

"The mini-festivals will provide great entertainment for family members and we encourage all residents to get to the nearest recreation center on July 3 and have a great day!"

At Boylan Recreation Center (916 South Orange Ave., at Boylan St.), activities include a fashion show, body building demonstrations, relay races, board and field games, arts & crafts and live R&B music provided by Eggroll.

Festival goers at Hayes Park East (25 Waydell St. at Raymond Blvd.) will enjoy the antics of Waldo the Clown, board and water games, sit-down volleyball, Latin music by La Banda Suing, local artists and much more.

At Hayes Park West (179 Boyd St. at Muhammad Ali Ave.), visitors will delight in the sounds of R&B group, Nomo King and the Moors, who will participate in arts & crafts workshops, board games and relays. Magician Phillip Jennings will be on hand to demonstrate his latest

Illustrations

At the newly renovated John F. Kennedy Recreation Center (211 West Kinney St.) the afternoon begins with swimming and water sports for all ages. Other activities include basketball, ping pong, roller skating, relay races, face painting, arts & crafts, a rap contest and a live jazz performance by the Haven Clayborne Quartet.

Visitors at St. Peter's Recreation Center (378 Lyons Ave. at Leslie St.) commonly known as Green Acres will view a special art exhibit, participate in games, relay races and a pool party while enjoying the R&B sounds of Gemini.

According to Roslyn L. Lightfoot, manager of Recreation and Cultural Affairs, "The mini-festivals present the perfect opportunity for people in the community to plan, volunteer and participate in a City-sponsored event. We think it is very important to highlight local talent at each of the recreation centers. Each mini-festival features feature members of the community whether they are rappers, models, visual artists or dancers."

It is our goal to give our center participants the spotlight and let them display their special talents and skills."

Free refreshments and a Disc Jockey will be at each center. In case of rain, the programs will be held on Thursday, July 5.

Partial funding for these events was provided by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts through a grant administered by the Newark Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs. Admission is free and open to the public. For additional information call (201) 733-6454.

Basketball camp for kids

CRAFORD NJ - Youngsters entering grade three through eight may gain experience in the fundamentals of basketball from an intensive sports camp offered this summer by Union County College.

The Owl Basketball Camp, a part of "College for Kids," will provide intensive instruction on basketball fundamentals and help for students to improve both individual and team playing skills. The program is highly structured and

instructors are recognized area high school and college coaches.

Videotaping will be part of the camp, and weight training will be introduced to individual campers tailored to their physiological make-up.

The camp will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday through Friday, July 9 through July 13 at the Cranford High School gymnasium.

Those interested in further information should call 709-7601.

Congratulations 100 Black Men of America on your successful convention



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Extra Personal Care exemplifies Bill Giles

by Danielle Mathis



Bill Giles, founder and chairman of EPC International, is a man of many talents—entrepreneur, president of 100 Black Men of New Jersey, and a member of many boards of directors, national organizations, and civic associations. Even while working hard along with families members to earn double digit sales growth for EPC, he and his family have managed to raise over \$250,000 for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). Balancing out his successful professional career, Bill is also determined to live out as many years as the "good Lord gives" him to continue giving back to the community.

What is EPC International?

EPC (Extra Personal Care) International, a family-owned business which began in 1977, is a full line advertising specialty organization. We serve major corporations such as Johnson & Johnson, Exxon, American Express, Black Enterprise Magazine, and AT&T. My daughter, Sharon, is the president, I am chairman, my wife Althea is vice-president, my son Kevin is the corporate attorney, my son Roddy is vice-president of sales, and my son-in-law Will Alexander is national sales manager.

What do you see as the role of a black-owned business? Is it unique in any way?

One of the major roles is taking responsibility for educating our own people. Yes, in every way, it is and should be unique. I remember when I was a top executive at Canimone Company in Atlanta, a black-owned hair care company that owned Nancy Wilson Cosmetics before it was sold many years ago. We were the first blacks on television in New York with a product and we had to change the way products were marketed to blacks. We put the products in the overall marketplace, as opposed to in only the black neighborhoods because black people shop everywhere. We put cosmetics and hair care products on the 34th Street of the country.

Why do you support the UNCF?

Each member of the Giles family is college-educated. My family has a long history with Benedict College in South Carolina, my home state. In fact, my mother went to Benedict college and all of my children graduated from black colleges. The atmosphere at white colleges is hostile towards blacks, and that's the truth. I think the hope for blacks is college. Without education today, you can't do hardly anything in the business arena. You can't run a business from your hip pocket. You must have attorneys, accountants, and the expertise to be able to compete in the mainstream.

What cooperative challenges lie ahead for the business and education fields in the 1990s?

From a practical standpoint, in order to bring youngsters into the mainstream of business, you must educate them about business. The most viable way to educate them about business is through an academic institution. The 100 Black Men of New Jersey, Inc., a non-profit corporation comprised of black businessmen, attorneys, physicians, dentists, cooperatives, and other professionals, is doing just that. We sponsor a Mentoring Partnership Program, which is an exciting project that has been established between organizations, Ramapo College, and Newark's West Side High School. The program enables us to assist in providing a supportive learning environment for cultivating minority inner city students for college. Individual students are matched with their 100 black men of New Jersey role models based on their career interests. And not only does this program call for the students' participation, but for active participation on the part of parents, school administrators, teachers, and counselors as well.

What is the theme of this year's National 1990 convention of 100 Black Men of America hosted by 100 Black Men of New Jersey?

The theme is "The '90s Challenge: Molding the Young Black Male for the 21st Century." It will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Newark from June 28-July 1st. At our national convention breakfast on June 29th, Dennis Rahim Watson, educator and lecturer, will address the recipients of our Mamie Trasdale scholarship fund all of whom are residents from the state of New Jersey, graduating high school seniors, and young black males. Funds from this scholarship are awarded to high school graduates to pursue their higher education goals. We will track these scholarship recipients once they have entered college to provide additional resources and support as needed to ensure their success and the development of leadership qualities.

What has the organization set as its agenda for the 1990s?

In everything we do, we strive to accentuate the positive. Part of our

on-going agenda is The Elementary Debating team. This program is sponsored in conjunction with the Newark Board of Education. City-wide debates are conducted to improve the communication skills, and the research and cognitive reasoning abilities among elementary students. Competitions are held year-round with a Debate Awards Luncheon at the end of each year.

What do you think is the most significant factor in the renaissance of Newark?

The involvement of African-Americans from the business and professional communities is the key. Right now, African-Americans from this segment of the community aren't involved enough in the renaissance of Newark at the decision-making level. While I believe Newark is making a comeback, unless African-Americans are going to be part of the movement that's shaking this renaissance city will not have paved a clear way for the positive future of our people.

What keeps Bill Giles going?

I strive to leave a legacy no matter where I go or what I do. If I were a millionaire, it would be easy for me to just give monetarily to the community and keep on going. But since I'm not leaving a part of myself within the community to make it a better and a more workable place for generations to come—that's what keeps me on the move.

Why do you read City News?

I read City News because it's the way to find out the real deal about the African-American community in Newark.

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Morris Billingslea, (left) talks with Orange Mayor Robert Brown.



Honored guests Columbus Sally and Marvin Wyche.



William McNeely and Peppermint co-owner Jan Billingslea talk.

Black Fridays premieres at Peppermint Ballroom



Everyone seemed to enjoy...



...networking...

ORANGE, N.J.--On Friday evening June 22nd close to 300 representatives of diverse black businesses and professionals came out to the Peppermint Entertainment Complex in Orange. The event was the grand opening of Black Friday, an event whose emphasis is to show that as their theme says "together we are achieving success." The concept of a networking system for Black entrepreneurs and professionals with a format intended to showcase Black businesses may not be new but the sincerity of the Black Friday committee is real.

The goal of Black Friday, conceived and organized by a select group of diverse black business people and professionals, is to provide a meeting place with in a social context where in Black entrepreneurs, professionals, corporate executives and other interested individuals can network and provide mutual support via video presentations, raffles and other related activities.

The committee wanted to have this event at a traditionally Black owned place. The centrally located Peppermint Complex, celebrating more than two decades, was the prime place.

Throughout the evening the relaxed atmosphere gave way to comradeship and many connections in progress were made. Guest Mayor Robert Brown honored two entrepreneurs chosen by the Black Friday committee who have been successful in their business endeavors - Columbus Salley and Marvin Wyche. Salley and Wyche are the owners of five flourishing Wendy's including the most recent one of Main Street on the Orange/East Orange lines. "This is but a few of their prosperous business ventures. Their accomplishments point out to a novice in business the commitment necessary to success, to sustain a thriving business and what can happen with hard work and perseverance," commented Mayor Brown. Mayor Robert L. Brown of Orange, a lawyer in his own right, is no stranger to consistently giving support to the businesses in his town and its surrounding areas.

Though the committee intends to vary the showcase, the theme remains the same. They plan to make Black Friday a monthly event feeling it is imperative to economic viability that Blacks support Blacks in all aspects of business life.

and just having a good time.



...chatting with old friends...



...meeting new people...

WBGO jazz concerts from the Library

"Jazz Century" continues at The Newark Public Library with three summer jazz concerts presented by WBGO/Jazz 88, 88.3 FM, and broadcast from the Auditorium of the Library. The concerts are in conjunction with the "Jazz Century" exhibition in the Newark Public Library, the Dana Library of Rutgers University-Newark campus, and Newark City Hall.

This collaboration among the cultural institutions of Newark,

The Library, WBGO, the Institute of Jazz Studies, and City Hall, have already ignited enthusiasm for our jazz roots," Alex Boyd, Library Director noted. "These live broadcasts will increase our related activities."

The concert, broadcast from 7:30 to 9:30 pm, features Chris White & the Survivors on June 28; the Leo Johnson Quartet on July 26; and the Andy Bey Trio on August 23rd. The last concert is part of the WBGO's American

Jazz Radio Jazz Festival series, and will be rebroadcast nationwide at a later date.

In addition to live performances, the concerts will feature short interviews focusing on the history of jazz in New Jersey, with emphasis on the rich jazz history in Newark. Thurston Briscoe, WBGO program director will produce a feature about New Jersey jazz--offering rare insights into the experiences of jazz artists during the heyday of Newark and New Jersey jazz. Recordings from the WBGO library will illustrate the talk.

Interviews are produced by Dan Morganstein, Director of the Institute of Jazz Studies, Rutgers University, will highlight the history of jazz greats who worked in this city and state.



CENTURY

Each of the three broadcasts will center on specific jazz era. On June 28th the broadcast will examine the contributions of the "Stride Piano Players" including Willie "the Lion" Smith, Fats Waller, Count Basie, and Donald

July 5

BROOKLYN—Singers, dancers, comedians, rappers, actors, poets, marching bands, jazz, gospel, and reggae musicians between 12 and 21 are invited to compete in the USA's largest street festival, the African Street Festival. Auditions will be held at Bedford Styvesant Restoration Arts and Culture Center, 1368 Fulton Street, Newark Avenue, Brooklyn. The final competition will take place at the 19th Annual African Street Festival, at Boys and Girls High School, 1700 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY, from June 29 to July 4.

Thursday, July 5
NEWARK—Leo Johnson, Newark Saxophonist and group will perform at the Thursday Night Jazz Concert in the Terrace Room at Newark Symphony Hall from 5-9 p.m. No admission and a complementary buffet will be offered to augment the cash bar.

August 1-5
WAYNE—"A Lesson from Aloes," focuses on the impact apartheid has on the individual in South Africa, will be staged in the Hunziker Theatre on the William Paterson College campus. For further information call 201-595-2371.

Thursday, August 2
NEWARK—Boogie Latin Jazz Salsa All Stars will perform at the Thursday Night Jazz Concerts in the Terrace Room at Newark Symphony Hall from 5-9 p.m. No admission and a complementary buffet will be offered to augment the cash bar.

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tent of the organization to use its collective resources, voices and talents to ferret out and combat injustices and inequities in government and the private sector.

In addition, the organization also addresses the human needs and concerns of black and other minorities, including but not limited issues as education, employment, criminal justice, housing, health services and economic development.

It has also adopted the theme and purpose of its national group

which is to work for the benefit of the young black male—to achieve academic excellence—to eliminate drug abuse, teenage pregnancy and violence in our community.

The 100 Black Men of New Jersey have a strong commitment to leadership. They believe that those who can lead, should lead, that those in positions here they can make a difference have an obligation to do so. And those are just words either.

Since its founding in 1974 by Newark attorney Oliver Lofton, the organization has emerged on a path to success, and will continue to be in the forefront of the struggle to improve the education, economic and social mobility and conditions of blacks and other minorities.

That commitment was highlighted at a recent reception, which drew such notables as Rep. Donald M. Payne, the state's first black congressman; Mayors Sharpe James of Newark and John Hatcher Jr. of East Orange and Sen. Frank Lautenberg.

Organization president William R. Giles set the tone by declaring that 100 Black Men of New Jersey has taken steps "to aggressively pursue its goals to encourage educational, economic, social and other civic involvement for New Jersey African-American."

The organization was heralded by Mayor James for being in the forefront of the statewide effort to provide our people with the knowledge and resources needed to be successful. "The dedicated leadership of your organization provides the youngsters with outstanding role models on which to pattern their own lives."

Jones also presented President Giles with a gold medal, the highest honor the city bestows upon organizations and individuals, as a recognition declaring October as "100 Black Men of New Jersey Day."

Lofoten said organization's goal is to bring together successful black men in an effort to utilize their collective talents and resources to give something back, to seek to address some of the myriad problems affecting the

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